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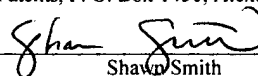
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 37-page patent specification with 41 claims and an abstract (also Figures 1-6 on six sheets).

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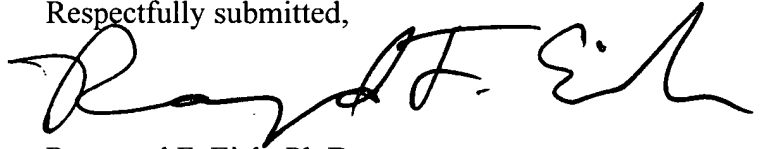
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